

Community-Staff Committee on a Six-Year School Improvement  
Plan (SOQ)

A. Generally

Under the Stafford County School Board's guidelines for citizens' advisory committees, a community-staff committee on school improvement shall be activated, as mandated by the standard of quality quoted as a legal reference to this policy.

B. Membership

The number of lay members shall be determined by the board. Staff members shall be appointed by the superintendent.

C. Term of Service

Lay members shall be appointed for a two-year period of service. Members may be reappointed but half the members shall be placed every second year. This is designed to broaden the base of community participation while providing for continuity of experience on the committee.

Staff members may be rotated at the discretion of the superintendent.

D. Chairman

The chairman shall be a member of the administrative staff appointed by the superintendent.

Legal Reference: through June 30, 1997

Code of Va., §22.1-253.13:6. Planning and public involvement.—A. The General Assembly and the Board of Education believe that careful planning is essential for providing educational programs of high quality and that public involvement is a fundamental component of meaningful planning for public schools.

B. The Board of Education shall revise, extend and adopt biennially a statewide six-year improvement plan which shall be developed with statewide participation and

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shall be available for public inspection and copying. This plan shall include the objectives of public education in Virginia, an assessment of the extent to which these objectives are being achieved, a forecast of enrollment changes and an assessment of the needs of public education in the Commonwealth. In the annual report required by §22.1-18, the Board shall include an analysis of the extent to which these Standards of Quality have been achieved and the objectives of the statewide six-year improvement plan have been met.

C. Each local school board shall revise, extend and adopt biennially a divisionwide six-year improvement plan which shall be developed with staff and community involvement. Prior to the adoption of any divisionwide six-year improvement plan, each local school board shall make the plan available for public inspection and copying and shall conduct at least one public hearing to solicit public comment on the divisionwide plan. Each public school shall prepare a biennial plan which shall be given consideration by its school board in the development of the divisionwide six-year improvement plan. The divisionwide six-year improvement plan shall include the objectives of the school division, an assessment of the extent to which these objectives are being achieved, a forecast of enrollment changes, a plan for managing enrollment changes including consideration of the consolidation of schools to provide for a more comprehensive and effective delivery of instructional services to students and economies in school operations, an evaluation of the appropriateness of providing certain regional services in cooperation with neighboring school divisions, a plan for implementing such regional services when appropriate, a technology component consistent with the six-year technology plan for Virginia adopted by the Board of Education, and an assessment of the needs of the school division and evidence of community participation in the development of the plan. A report shall be presented by each school board to the public by November 1 of each odd-numbered year on the extent to which the objectives of the divisionwide six-year improvement plan have been met during the previous two school years. (1988, cc. 645, 682; 1990, cc. 820, 839; 1992, c. 591.)